WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Lack of basic civic amenities for Sonia Vihar Delhi

*143. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a residential colony with 3000 families in Delhi near Wazirabad Bridge named 'Sonia Vihar' has not been provided with even basic civic amenities like elecrtricity, transport roads, drainage and water unlike other unauthorised colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the residents of this colony had brought their problems to the notice of the concerned authorities but it was of no avail; and

(d) if so, what is the facual position in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) to (d) Sonia Vihar is an unauthorised colony which does not qualify for regularisation in accordance with the Government's policy for regularisation of unauthorised colonies covering residential and commercial structures constructed upto 30-6-77 and 16-2-77 respectively. The M.C.D. has not been undertaking development of such colonies nor is the Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking providing water supply and sewerage facilities in such colonies. D.E.S.U. has however, been undertaking electrification of unauthorised colonies which were existing on 1-1-81. In response to a representation dated 2-1-87, from the Residents' Association of Sonia Vihar, D.E.S.U. has asked for copies of lay-out plan etc. to verify the eligibility of the colony for electrification. The Residents Association has not furnished the same to the D.E.S.U. so far. The approach road to the colony situated about two kms. from Wazirabad Bridge main Road is very narrow and the buses cannot be operated on it. However, the residents of the colony have been availing of D.T.C. services from the main Wazirabad Road.

Power Shortage in steel Plants

*144. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what were the reasons for the recent power shortage in the Steel Plants of the Steel Authority of India Limited;

(b) what are the details steps taken to minimise such shortages; and

(c) what are the results achieved through such steps?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Supply of power from public utilities to the SAIL steel plants in the recent period of January to March, 1987 was by and large satisfactory.

(b) and (c) Supply of power to the steel plants is under constant review at the inter-ministerial level. Remedial steps by way of arranging help from other grids to DVC and Orissa State Electricity Board to the extent possible have been taken.

In order to reduce the dependence of steel plants on public utility supplies, captive power plants of 2 x 60 MW at Durgapur Steel Plant, 3 x 60 MW at Bokaro Steel Plant and 2 x 60 MW at Rourkela Steel Plan are under construction.

Supply of edible oils to Bihar

*148. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had supplied edible oils including Rapeseed

and Plam oil to Bihar during 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(b) if so, the quantity of various edible oils supplied to Bihar during the above period; and

(c) whether any guidelines have also been laid down in regard to the distribution thereof and if so, how does the scale of distribution thereof compare with that of other States?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantity of edible oils allocated/lifted to/by Bihar during 1985-86 and 1986-87 is as under:—

Oil Year	Allocation		Lifting	
	Palm oil	Rapeseed oil	Palm oil	Rapeseed oil
1985-86	6550	..	6093	..
1986-87 (upto Mar. 87)	2600	400	3000	..

(c) The Central Government makes allocation of imported edible oils to States/UTs for distribution through PDS. Further distribution is the responsibility of the State Government. It has been suggested to them that monthly issue of imported oils through Fair Price Shops should not exceed 2 Kg per family per card. Bihar Govt. has authorised issue of imported edible oil accordingly.

Short supply of indigenous oil to Vanaspati manufacturers

*150. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vanaspati manufacturers of Eastern India are facing an extremely critical situation owing to the short supply of indigenous oils;

(b) if so, the details of the measures being taken to case the situation; and

(c) the results achieved thereby so far?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The availability of indigenous oils in the eastern region may be less as compared to other regions. However, vanaspati units obtain their requirement of edible oils from all over the country. Units in the eastern and southern zones have been allocated 10 per cent additional imported oil at commercial rates since 16th March, 1987 to compensate for lack of local availability of expeller mustard/rapeseed oil permitted in manufacture of vanaspati from this date.

Production is being maintained at a reasonable level.

Amendments to the Crop Insurance Scheme

*152. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government had recently requested for some amendments to the Crop Insurance Scheme and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G.S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) Punjab Government has not recently requested for amendments to the crop insurance scheme. However, while sending their comments with regard to the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme in June 1985, the Punjab Government had stated that since 85 per cent of cultivable area in the State was under irrigation, the